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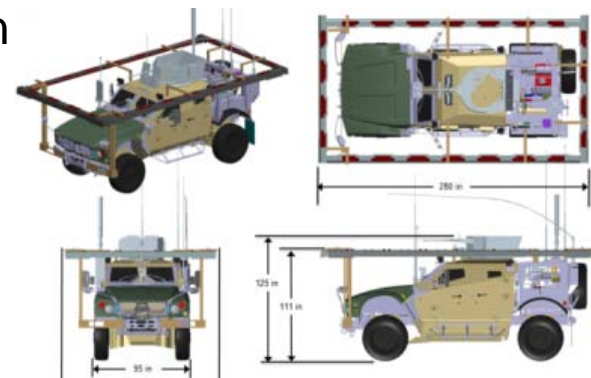
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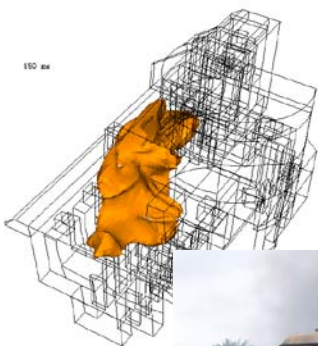
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# Hit and Kill Avoidance Overview

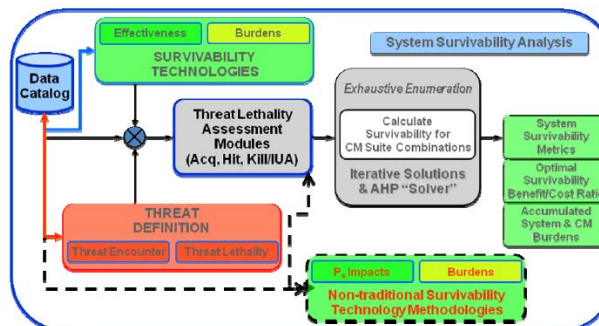
## Hit Avoidance/Active Protection



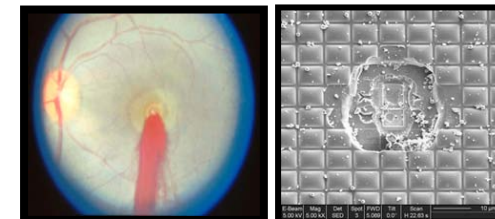
## Fire Protection



## System Optimization



## Laser Protection



Program Name	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>Hit Avoidance (HA) Technologies</b>								
<b>RPG Active Protection (RAP)</b>								
Mature an APS for unitary RPG defeat. Demonstrate integrated ATGM defeat system. Development of passive system integration kits and technology advancements.								
<b>Enhanced RPG Active Protection (ERAP)</b>								
Utilizing open arch, mature APS components for 360° hemispherical tandem RPG/ATGM defeat. Includes passive systems dev and tech advan, next gen countermeasure.								
<b>Kinetic Energy Active Protection System (KE APS) Effort</b>								
Provide capability to defeat Tank-fired Kinetic Energy (KE) Long Rod Threats with guided interceptor.								
<b>Vertical-launch Architecture LOnG Range (VALOR) APS</b>								
Guided interceptor integration into vertical launch system architecture, that includes an alternate fuzing for ATGM defeat.								
<b>Kill Avoidance Technologies</b>								
<b>Common AFES System Development</b>								
Development of a set of standards, requirements and components to support a common AFES system for tactical and combat ground platforms.								
<b>Advanced Fire Suppression Technologies</b>								
Development, integration, test and research on fire protection technologies (e.g. agents, distribution, ammo protection, fuel tank enhancements, battery suppression, etc.).								
<b>Vision Protection from Lasers (VPL)</b>								
Fire control optics to incorporate wavelength-agile laser protection.								
<b>Advanced Directed Energy Protection – Cameras &amp; Eyes</b>								
Establish laser damage thresholds for sensors.								
<b>Short-Pulse &amp; High Energy Laser Protection Research</b>								
Test and document laser protection performance of various materials against the emerging technologies of both SPHP laser systems.								
<b>Vehicle Optimization</b>								
<b>Threat Oriented Survivability Optimization (TOSOM)</b>								
Software code to represent survivability technologies (signatures, hit avoidance, armor, blast, kill avoidance) for the assessment of specific technology and/or technology suites.								
<b>Demonstrator For Novel Design (DFND)</b>								
Effort leveraging motorsports unique tools, processes, and innovative technology ideas to enhance Force Protection, Vehicle Survivability, and Mobility.								



# Active Protection Programs



## Purpose:

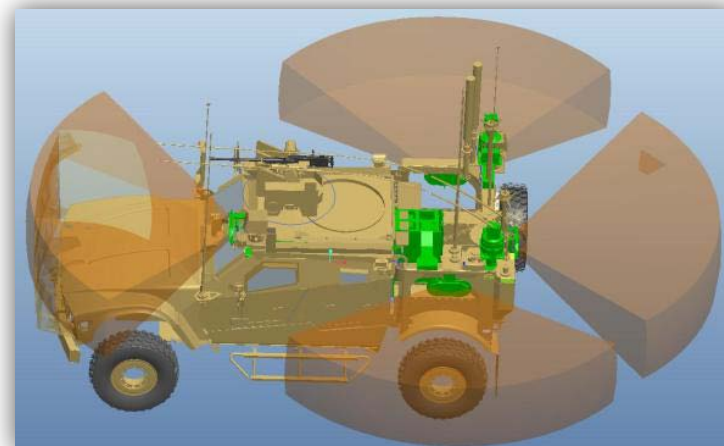
- **Technology development and maturation for RPG hard-kill defeat and ATGM soft-kill defeat.**
- **Iterative build-up of a Hit Avoidance Development and Integration Lab (HADIL) with capability and tool enhancements to support in-house test and validation of components.**

## Requirements:

- **Efforts are planned and synchronized in order to meet customer requirements now and in the future.**
- **The RAP program will develop, build, and test toward requirements derived from TRADOC, PM Stryker, and PM MRAP.**

## Products:

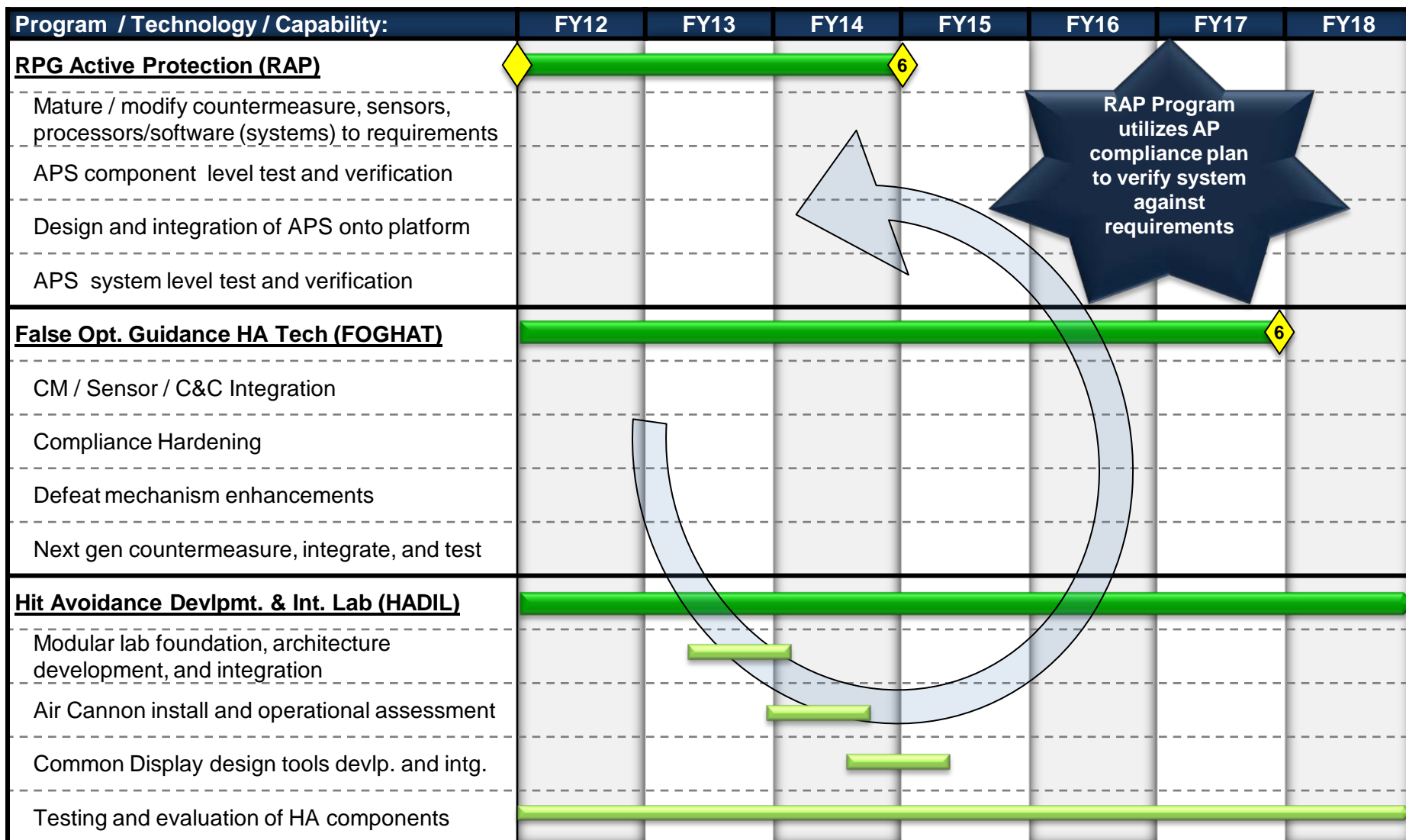
- **RAP Program: Hard-kill APS, using a plug-n-play open architecture approach for RPG threats**
- **FOGHAT: Low-cost, light-weight integrated ATGM softkill defeat system including threat detection sensor, fire-control processor and countermeasure.**
- **HADIL: Hardware in-the-loop test capability to verify TRL compliance**







# Active Protection Program Schedule



◆ Technology Readiness Level (TRL)



# AP Key Technical Components



## **RPG Active Protection (RAP) Program**

**Key Program Component:** Leveraging existing APS to show compliance to PM requirements through a test and verification program.

**Issue(s):** PM requirements and existing APS capabilities delineate a technology gap; Need significant reduction in delta between capability and requirements

**Plan to Approach:** Partnership between Gov't and Contractor for system modification and development to TRADOC/PM developed requirements; Government test and verification

## **False Optical Guidance Hit Avoidance Technology (FOGHAT) Program**

**Key Program Component:** Demo low-cost softkill ATGM defeat system including; countermeasure, warning sensor and fire-control. Future growth to include additional threats.

**Issue(s):** Identifying the required defeat mechanism for ATGMs

**Plan to Approach:** Coordinated effort between RDECOM and industry to mature and integrate existing tech to demo the capability to defeat an ATGM in an end-to-end scenario.

## **Hit Avoidance Development & Integration Lab (HADIL)**

Technology development and evaluation. Capabilities will include M&S, HW in the loop testing / emulation, SW validation, physical test, vehicle integration, and integration SW validation.



# AP Industry Partnership Outlook



## RPG Active Protection (RAP) Program

- Will utilize the TARDEC Omnibus Contract
- RAP RFI with initial draft requirements was released in January 2011

## False Optical Guidance Hit Avoidance Technology (FOGHAT) Program

- Integration of existing Multi-Function Countermeasure components (leveraged from U.S. Army Integrated Army APS Program) with sensor and fire-control
- Development of defeat mechanisms for ATGMs
- Next generation sensor, fire-control and countermeasure

## Hit Avoidance Development and Integration Lab (HADIL)

- HLA/DIS compliant simulation, processor engagement load cases and man machine interface
- System evaluation and emulation with stressing cases
- Threat characterization
- Physical test data acquisition and analysis
- Potential CRADA partner to leverage IRAD activities.
- Physical System Integration with A-Kit Design

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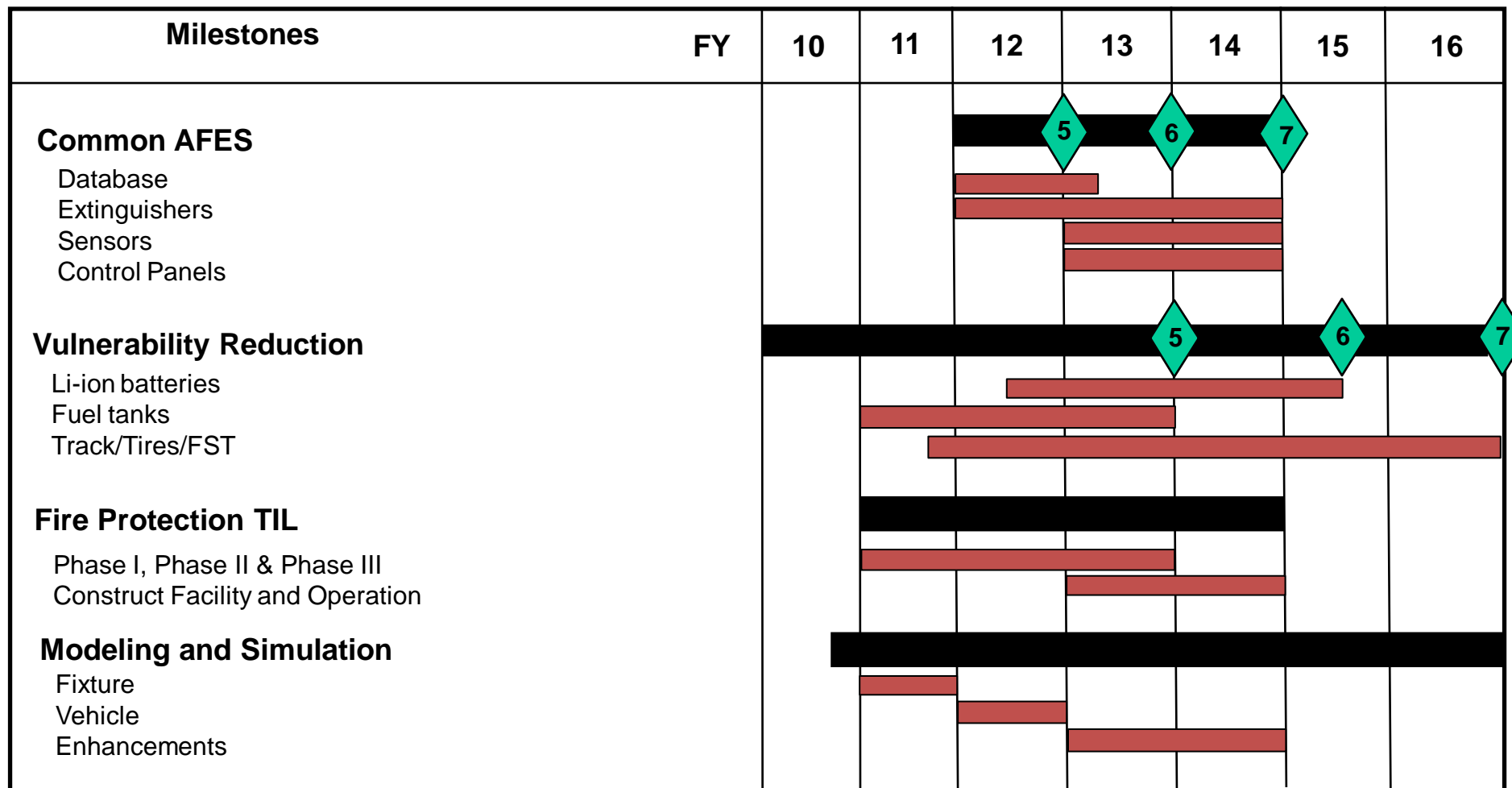


**Purpose:**

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# Fire Protection Program Schedule





# Fire Protection Key Technical Components



## Common AFES

**Key Program Component:** Develop common components for fire suppression systems to include extinguishers, sensors, and control panels.

**Issue(s):** Lack of standardized requirements and equipment. Systems are tailored to each platform within their SWAP constraints.

**Plan to Approach:** Implement common AFES components to reduce logistics and maintenance costs.

## Vulnerability Reduction

**Key Program Component:** Develop techniques to address vulnerabilities in emerging technologies (i.e. Li-ion batteries, Fuel tanks, Track/Tires/Fire, Smoke, and Toxicity)

**Issue(s):** Peacetime & combat-initiated fires are a major source of crew casualties/vehicle damage.

**Plan to Approach:** Utilize next generation materials and technologies for vehicle protection.

## Fire Protection TIL

**Key Program Component:** Capabilities to develop, integrate, and evaluate vehicle/occupant fire protection.

**Issue(s):** Need faster and thorough evaluation of new solutions that can be integrated on weapon systems.

**Plan to Approach:** The facility will support integration, engineering, test and evaluation of next generation materials and technologies.

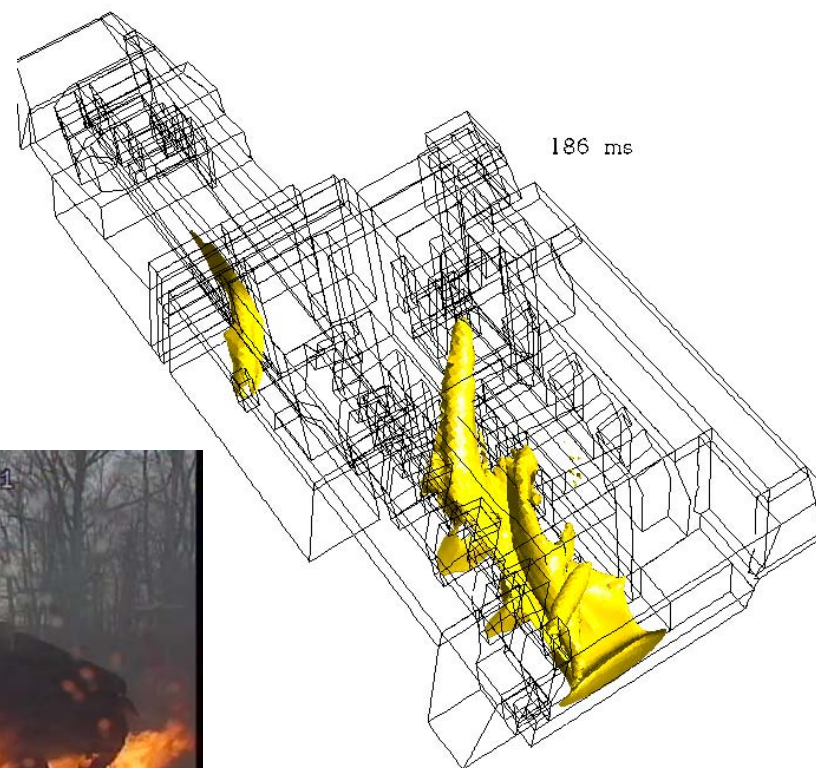
## Modeling and Simulation

**Key Program Component:** M&S code to predict performance of emerging crew AFES.

**Issue(s):** Models, integration, and testing of existing and novel systems and components do not exist.

**Plan to Approach:** Create capability to predict fire extinguishing system perf and compare configurations.

# Fire Protection POC's



Program	POC
Fire Protection Team	Steve McCormick
Fire Protection TIL	Eric Hahka





# Vision Protection from Lasers Program Overview



## Purpose:

- *Provide solutions protecting eyes and day-vision cameras from laser weapons*



## Requirements:

- *Develop materials that limit the amount of light energy allowed to the sensor*
- *Develop new optical system designs allowing the integration of advanced laser protection materials*

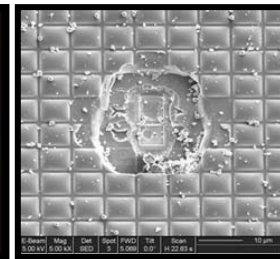
## Products:

- *Designs, data and reports for applying laser protection technologies to platform optical sighting systems*
- *Designs and reports for applying laser protection technologies to unity magnification periscopes*
- *Sensor vulnerability & signature studies, designs to protect from lasers & mitigate signature*

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DAMAGE



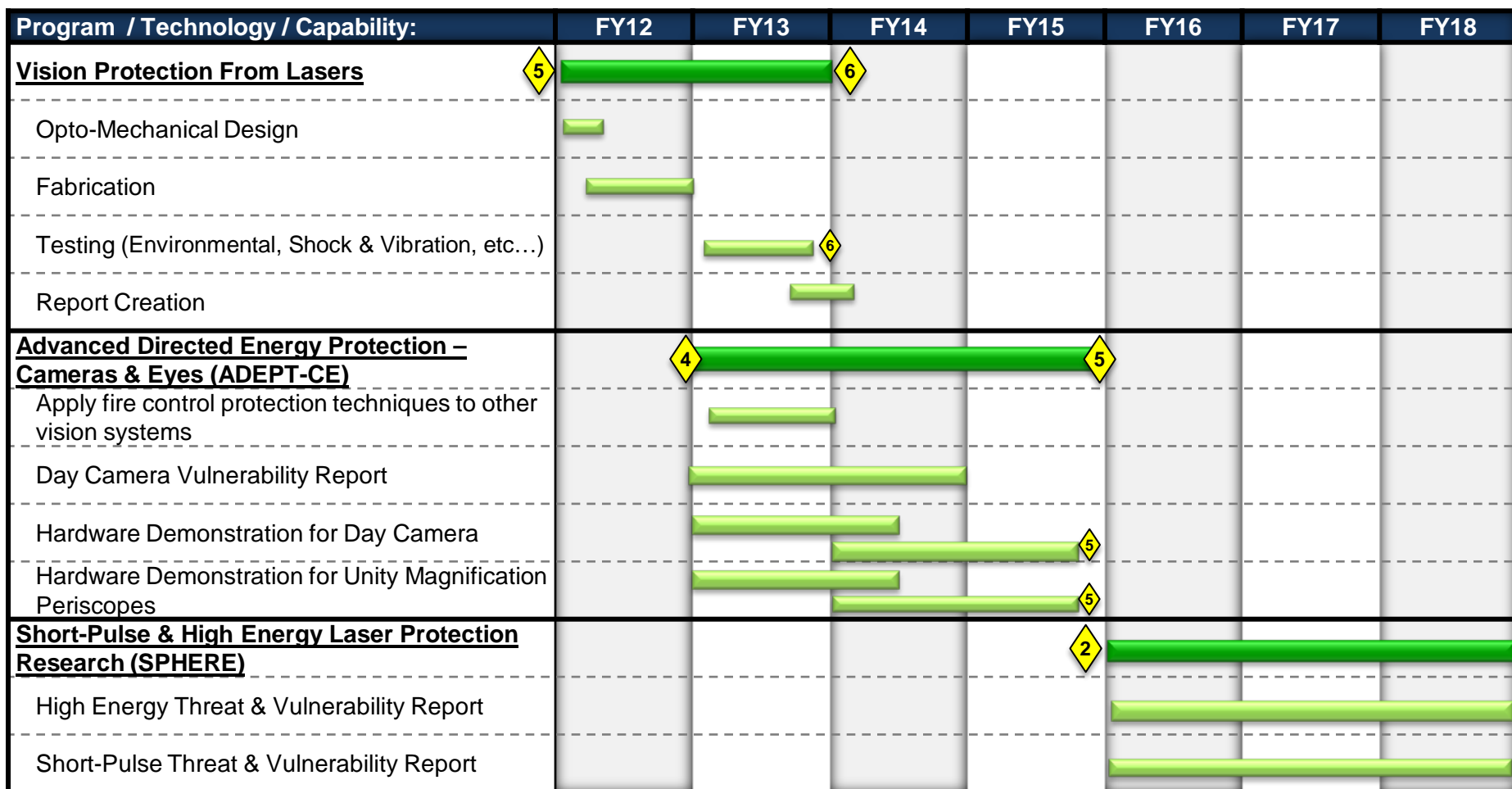
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# Laser Protection Program Schedule



◆ Technology Readiness Level (TRL)



# Laser Protection Key Technical Components



## **Vision Protection From Lasers Program**

**Key Program Component:** Simplified Optical Design.

**Issue(s):** Concepts for the integration of technologies are complex (many optical elements).

**Plan to Approach:** Working with optical designers and OEMs to simplify the designs while meeting protection and performance requirements.

## **Advanced Directed Energy Protection – Cameras & Eyes (ADEPT-CE) Program**

**Key Program Component:** Continuous-Wave Band Blocking

**Issue(s):** Filters used to block certain wavelength(s) from entering an optical system. High speed insertion of filters is challenging.

**Plan to Approach:** Need compact integrated switching mechanisms. Collaborate for the development of fast switching technologies to replace filters and optical materials.

## **Short-Pulse & High Energy Laser Protection Research (SPHERE):**

**Key Program Component:** Research short-pulse/high power laser energy on optical systems.

**Issue(s):** New technologies in laser fabrication may have new science to be researched.

**Plan to Approach:** Work with industry to perform basic research on the science around shorter pulse and higher energy lasers.

# Laser Protection POC's

## Future Research:

- *Shorter Pulses*
- *Higher Powers*



## Program

## POC

Laser Protection Research & Technology Integration Laboratory

Robert Goedert



# TOSOM Program Overview



## Purpose:

- Advanced and innovative capability to perform system level trades using a mathematical assessment of the benefits and burdens of both traditional and non-traditional survivability technologies.

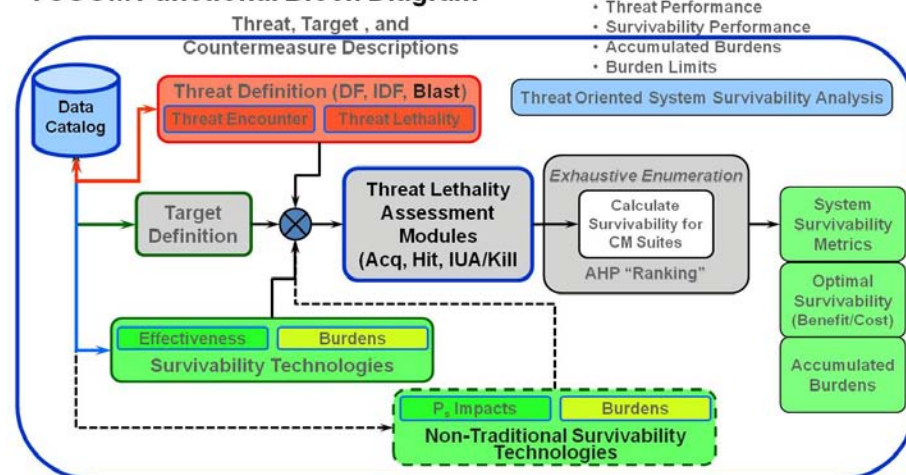
## Requirements:

- Need for the ability to model optimal vehicle survivability while minimizing the overall burdens.
- Leverage existing and future survivability efforts such as Hit Avoidance SIL, Long Range Active Protection System Simulation (LRAPSS), GSS Crew Protection Systems Integration Lab, Fire Suppression Efforts and Blast Mitigation

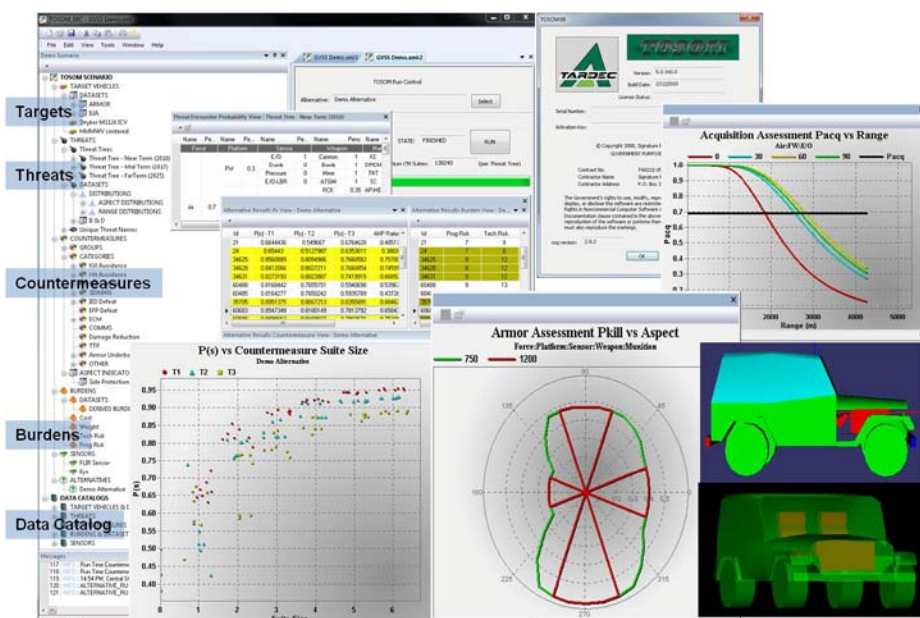
## Products:

- Optimization Software
- Supporting “trade-offs” for survivability systems.
- Quantifiable survivability metrics
- Streamlining of concept definition phase
- Visibility into (Acquisition/Hit/Kill) assessment data

## TOSOM Functional Block Diagram

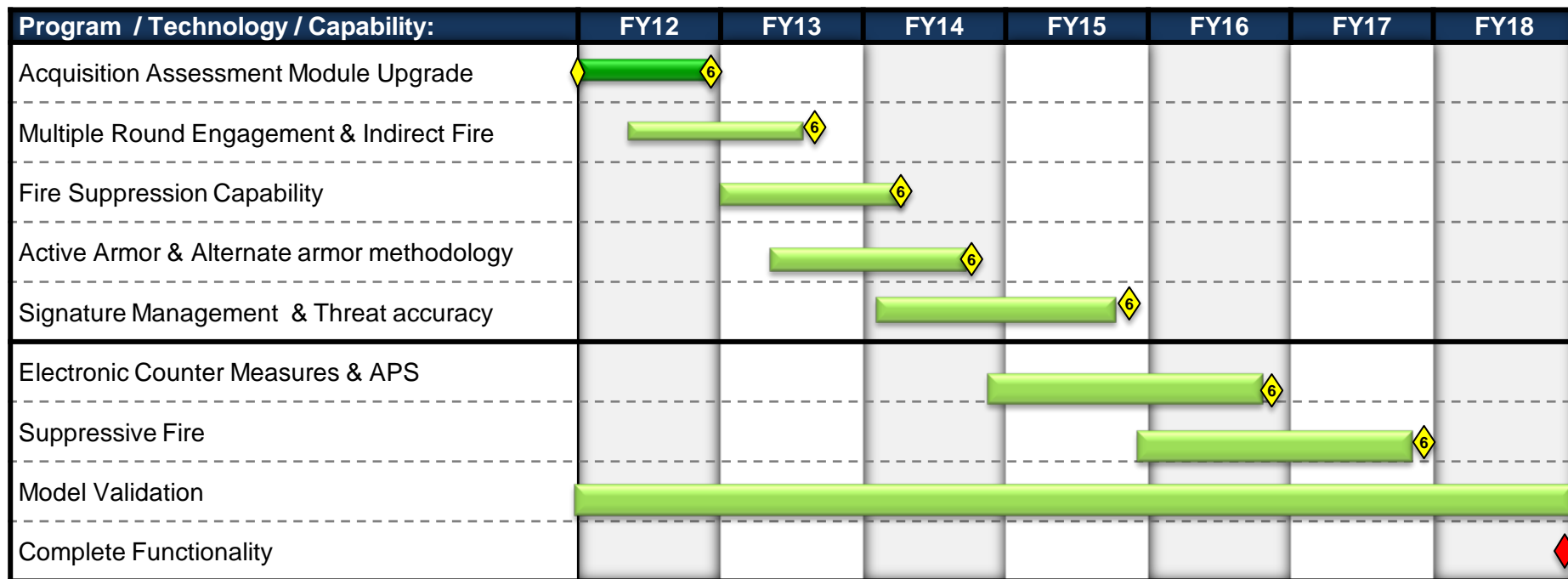


TOSOM Provides Analytical Insights Into Optimal System Survivability Solutions





# TOSOM Program Schedule



Technology Readiness Level (TRL)





## TOSOM Key Technical Capabilities



- Support “*trade-offs*” for survivability systems
- Provides “**Quantifiable**” survivability metrics
- Assessment tool for “*what if*” and “*how much*” questions
- Use and inclusion of “**Accredited**” data
- Ease of problem setup and metric “**Standardization**”
- Development of metrics for definition of “**Requirements**”, “**Evaluation**” and “**Validation**”
- *Derived burdens allows assessment of Performance vs Protection vs Cost/TRL/Risk*



## System Optimization & Modeling Team



- SOM Team has the unique expertise/experience to perform analyses in the optimization of traditional and non-traditional survivability technologies.
  
- TOSOM is a decision support tool designed to conduct survivability suite tradeoff analyses. It is a methodology for:
  - Selecting feasible solutions from a number of possible outcomes
  - Estimating the variety and magnitude of combat risks to a system
  - Providing robust, responsive “what if” analyses
  
- TOSOM services can be contracted for DOD studies and projects.

Program	POC
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